

MERELY COMMENT

Now the Tribune is playing for delay in the Max Annenberg case.

If the Tribune isn't a liar and Annenberg didn't shoot Belford, why not hurry the trial along and vindicate both?

Or is there still some serious work for Tribune agents to do in the Maxwell street district?

The average man will wonder, though, why a Tribune employe, charged with assault to murder, should be given any more consideration than a gunman with no powerful newspaper back of him.

Go on with the trial and let's get the truth to the public. Nobody who is innocent will suffer by a speedy trial; and some of the witnesses may be spirited away if we wait too long.

Anyhow, there are some Hearst gunmen still waiting trial for murder, and we might as well clean up on all the newspaper gunmen while the cleaning is good.

Judge Petit did something worth while when he began investigating the holding of people in jail without trial. No danger of a rich man being held. He can hire a lawyer to protect his rights. But the poor don't know their rights and police do about as they please with them.

The county ought to hire a lawyer to see that every citizen is protected in his rights when arrested. A public protector would do quite as much good as a public prosecutor.

Simon O'Donnell is finding out that a labor leader is supposed to represent the interests of the rank and file; and that he doesn't own the Building Trades Council.

Now is a good time for politicians at Washington to keep their shirts on and not get too fussy about that Mexican muna. Let Wilson do it.

The trouble with the whole Mexican situation is that millionaires of the Hearst stripe have vast investments in Mexico and want Uncle Sam to intervene and sacrifice lives of

thousands of American soldier boys to save their infernal property.

Better let American investments in Mexico go to thunder than to kill off thousands of young men to help Wall street.

Anyhow the American people didn't tell Wall street financiers to invest in Mexico. They took the gamble. Now let them take their medicine.

That daily Tribune fight on Hoynes is in line with its rule-or-ruin policy. It was high time office-holders in Chicago were asserting their independence and telling the newspaper bully to go jump in the lake.

But you bet the Trib didn't print that story about Medill McCormick and his pretty pink pajamas. The pajama kid owns stock in the Trib.

By the way, why wouldn't pajamas make a swell Bull Moose uniform?

The Inter-Ocean says Hearst has cows on that \$1,000,000 Mexican ranch. Does he want Uncle Sam to send an army down there to milk the cows?

Maybe it was thinking about these cows that made Willie think he is the whole cheese.

PUTS THE BAN ON DIAPHANOUS DRESS TO SAVE LIVES

Denver, Col., Aug. 8.—Diaphanous gowns may be cool in hot weather, but Health Commissioner Oscar D. Hayes today said their presence on the streets would not be tolerated during the Knights Templar conclave next week. He believes fatalities might occur in the congestion of traffic which their flimsiness would be sure to bring on.

Men of low and high degree are certain to be maimed in the stampede which Hayes says cannot be avoided if the transparencies are flaunted in the public eye.

"It is Cupid who pierces hearts with his arrow." "Yes, but it takes a pretty girl to draw the beau!"